

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1999
FOURTH ORGANIZATIONAL DAY

The House met at 9:00 a.m. and was called to order by Mr. Speaker Naifeh.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Representative Wood.

Representative Wood led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Present96

Representatives present were: Armstrong, Arriola, Baird, Beavers, Bittle, Black, Bone, Bowers, Boyer, Briley, Brooks, Brown, Buck, Bunch, Buttry, Caldwell, Chumney, Cole (Carter), Cole (Dyer), Cooper, Curtiss, Davidson, Davis (Cocke), Davis (Washington), DeBerry J., DeBerry L., Dunn, Eckles, Ferguson, Fitzhugh, Ford, Fowlkes, Fraley, Givens, Godsey, Goins, Gunnels, Hagood, Hargett, Hargrove, Hassell, Head, Hood, Jackson, Jones S., Jones U., Kent, Kernell, Kerr, Kisber, Langster, Lewis, Maddox, McAfee, McCord, McDaniel, McDonald, McKee, McMillan, Miller, Montgomery, Mumpower, Newton, Odom, Patton, Phelan, Phillips, Pinion, Pleasant, Pruitt, Ridgeway, Rinks, Roach, Robinson, Sands, Sargent, Scroggs, Sharp, Stulce, Tidwell, Tindell, Todd, Towns, Turner (Hamilton), Turner (Shelby), Walker, Walley, West, Westmoreland, White, Whitson, Williams, Windle, Winningham, Wood, Mr. Speaker Naifeh -- 96.

EXCUSED

The Speaker announced that the following member(s) has/have been excused, pursuant to request(s) under **Rule No. 20**:

Representative Harwell; personal reasons.

Representative Rhinehart; personal reasons.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
January 16, 1999

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the House, Senate Joint Resolution(s) No(s). 3; adopted for concurrence.

CLYDE W. McCULLOUGH, JR., Chief Clerk.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 -- General Assembly, Adjournment - Adjourns organizational session following inauguration of Governor Sundquist; convenes first regular session of 101st General Assembly and recesses until Monday, February 1, 1999. by *Crutchfield.

RULES SUSPENDED

Rep. Hargrove moved that the rules be suspended for the immediate consideration of Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 out of order, which motion prevailed.

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On motion, the rules were suspended for the immediate concurrence in the resolution.

On motion of Rep. Hargrove, the resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Present97

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RECESS MOTION

Pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 3, and in order to satisfy the requirements of the Constitution, Rep. Hargrove moved that the House stand in a recess in order to meet with the Senate for the purpose of inaugurating the Governor in joint convention, at the conclusion of which, the House adjourn the Organizational Session of the House of Representatives of the 101st General Assembly sine die and convene into Regular Session, which motion prevailed.

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IN JOINT CONVENTION

INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR SUNDQUIST

The hour having arrived, set by Senate Joint Resolution No. 3, the Senate met with the House in Joint Convention for the purpose of inaugurating the Honorable Don Sundquist as Governor.

The Joint Convention was called to order by Mr. Speaker Wilder, President of the Joint Convention.

On motion of Senator Crutchfield, the roll call of the Senate was dispensed with.

On motion of Representative Hargrove, the roll call of the House was dispensed with.

Thereupon, the Chief Clerk of the Senate, read Senate Joint Resolution No. 3, authorizing the Joint Convention.

Mr. President Wilder appointed a Select Committee composed of Senators Atchley, Cooper, Crowe, Elsea, Henry and Person; and Representatives Boyer, Lois DeBerry, Hargrove, McAfee, McDaniel, and Rinks as the committee to escort the Honorable Don Sundquist, Governor of Tennessee, to the Speaker's podium. Representative McDaniel served as Chairman of this Committee.

Without objection, the Joint Convention recessed pending the arrival of the Honorable Don Sundquist, Governor.

The Joint Convention was called to order by Mr. President Wilder.

Mr. President Wilder introduced First Lady Martha Sundquist, and asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort her to her seat.

Representative McDaniel announced that the Honorable Don Sundquist was ready to be escorted to the podium.

Mr. President Wilder asked the Committee to Escort the Honorable Don Sundquist to please come forward.

The invocation was given by Rabbi Kenneth Kanter.

The Presentation of Colors was given by the Tennessee National Guard.

The National Anthem was sung by Michael Peterson.

Maggie Britton Vaughn, Poet Laureate of Tennessee, gave a reading.

Gary Chapman sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

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President Wilder introduced Governor Don Sundquist, accompanied by the First Lady, who held the Bible.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable John Wilder, Lt. Governor of the State of Tennessee, administered the Oath of Office to Governor Don Sundquist, as prescribed by law.

Governor Don Sundquist and Lt. Governor Wilder signed the Oath of Office.

Thereupon, Mr. President Wilder declared that the Honorable Don Sundquist was duly, legally and constitutionally inaugurated the Governor of the State of Tennessee for the ensuing four years.

The Tennessee National Guard gave the Governor's Salute to Governor Sundquist.

Bishop William Graves offered prayer.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

*Governor Wilder. Speaker Naifeh.
Distinguished members of the General Assembly.
Constitutional Officers.
Chief Justice Anderson and
Justices of the Supreme Court.*

*My predecessors:
Governor Ned McWherter
Governor Lamar Alexander
Governor Winfield Dunn*

Mrs. Prentice Cooper

*Members of the congressional delegation.
My former colleagues in the United States Congress.
Platform guests. Family and friends.
And my fellow Tennesseans:*

We meet today on hallowed ground to dedicate ourselves to the historic work of leading Tennessee into a new century and a new millennium.

As we begin this journey into the future, it is fitting that we do so here, where so much of Tennessee history has been made:

- To the east is the Cumberland River, along whose banks James Robertson and his hearty band of pioneers first settled 220 years ago.
- To the north is our Capitol building, one of the oldest still in active use in America.

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- To the west is the site of the old First Baptist Church, where the Reverend Kelly Miller Smith and other apostles of civil rights gave moral force to the most important social movement of our time.
- To the south stands the Hermitage Hotel, where suffragettes kept vigil while the Tennessee legislature cast the deciding vote to ratify the 19th amendment to the United States constitution and give women the right to vote.
- And all around us are memorials to the brave sons and daughters of Tennessee – famous ones like Alvin York, others known but to God – who defended our country and preserved the freedom that lies at the heart of all our success.

Standing amid these memories, we draw inspiration from the courage and enterprise of our forebears, and we pledge to them that we will do what President Bush called *"the hard work of freedom"* in our own time and for our own posterity.

What is that work? We know it well:

- We must build a system of education – at the elementary, secondary and collegiate levels – that will teach and train Tennesseans of all ages to lead and serve the world of tomorrow.
- We must maintain a growing economy that rewards courage and creativity, that generates jobs, attracts investment, provides opportunity and promotes the prosperity of every Tennessean.
- We must ensure that Tennessee has a health care system on which every Tennessean can rely, which every Tennessean can afford and which provides the quality of care that every Tennessean deserves.
- We must continually invest in a system of transportation – on land, through the water and in the air – that moves people and products safely and efficiently around the state and into the future.
- We must assure a tax system that is fair to all, promotes growth and provides for our common needs without imposing an undue burden on any Tennessean.
- We must keep Tennessee a safe place to live, work, learn and visit.

Everyone from the school safety patrol; to the police officer on the beat; to the sheriff; to the state trooper; to the corrections officer; to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has played an important role in making Tennessee the safest it's been in a generation. And all of us working together can make it safer still.

- We must keep Tennessee beautiful. This commitment cannot be government's alone but must involve all of us as fellow citizens of this natural paradise we call home. So I will propose that we mark the new millennium by making Tennessee look good.

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- Through simple acts of environmental protection, reclaiming and maintaining the common areas that are *visible, physical* symbols of community – our parks and playgrounds, our roadsides, our rivers, lakes and streams and even our vacant lots.

I'll have more to say about this initiative later this year, but in the meantime let me simply say it is my hope that one of the lasting legacies of my service in this office will be a more beautiful Tennessee.

- And the last great work we need to perform as we prepare for the new century and the new millennium is to reform and reorganize our state government to meet the needs of a challenging future.

Governor Austin Peay, who took office exactly 76 years ago today, made history in the 1920's by bringing our state government into the 20th century. He inherited a structure designed for the agrarian economy of the 19th century and reorganized it for the realities of this century's industrial economy.

We have the opportunity to make history anew by reforming our government to meet the demands of the Technological Age.

About this, too, I'll have more to say in the months to come, and I will welcome not only your support for this reform initiative but your own good ideas, as well.

Let me close by thanking all of you for giving me yet another opportunity to serve a people and a state that have been dear to me for decades.

It was my good fortune to serve in private capacities for many years before seeking public office. I helped build a business. I helped my wonderful wife Martha raise a family. I participated in the life of my community, as all of *you* do, without seeking recognition or reward.

I have tried to govern in the knowledge that, far more than I, it is *you* – the teachers and farmers; musicians and miners; nurses and shopkeepers and students; and all manner of other everyday heroes – who are the authors of Tennessee's remarkable progress.

And even where the role of government is indispensable, there is a promising and growing tradition here in Tennessee of cooperation and civility, between the executive and legislative branches, between state and local government, between Republicans and Democrats.

We in this state have long understood the truth of the Thomas Jefferson's belief that "*every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle.*" We are, as Jefferson said, "*brethren of the same principle.*"

In that unity, we have found strength.

With that strength, we have made progress.

Through that progress, we will build a Tennessee worthy of our best effort, worthy of our dreams, worthy of those who came before us and those who will follow us.

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Honored by your confidence in me, humbled by the task of leading a great people into a successful future, I take this office asking *your* help and *God's* guidance, and knowing that, thus armed, we will succeed.

Governor Sundquist introduced his Cabinet.

The Honorable Riley Anderson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, administered the Oath of Office to the Cabinet Members.

The benediction was given Dr. Adrian Rogers.

Mr. President Wilder relinquished the gavel to Mr. Speaker Naifeh as President of the Joint Convention.

The purpose for which the Joint Convention was assembled having been accomplished, Mr. President Naifeh declared the Joint Convention dissolved.